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Swing into
Jungle Adventures
with
**Johnny
Thunder!**



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JUNGLE Adventures!

In the jungle another adventure waits for the Adventurers!
Johnny Thunder leads the brave Adventurers in search of ancient treasures. But they are not alone. Señor Palomar and Rudo Villano, are after the magical sun disc. Both groups explore the dangerous jungle in cool cars, pontoon planes, and bustling boats. The jungle ruins are filled with awesome artifacts, but these terrific treasures are protected by the mysterious Achu. The legendary Achu commands the beasts of the jungle and sets tricky traps all through the jungle.

Adventurer

JOHNNY THUNDER

Johnny and the Adventurers race to save rare art treasures from crooked art collectors. Johnny looks forward to his jungle journey. "After battling bad, bad guys, stinging scorpions, and mooky mimics in the desert, hanging around in the jungle will be fun."



Adventurer

DR. CHARLES LIGHTNING

Dr. Lightning received a message from a friend describing a magical sun disc hidden in some jungle ruins. He was so excited, he rushed off without the letter, which Señor Palomar found.



Adventurer

HARRY CANE



NO ONE DARE SNEEZES AT THE POWER OF ACHU!

ACHU



Is the keeper of ancient treasures a man or myth? No one knows for sure. Achu doesn't let anyone—bad guys or good guys—take treasure from the jungle. He uses his amazing power over animals and tricky traps to keep outsiders out.

Adventurer

MISS GAIL STORM



THUNDER WILL BUNGE IN THE JUNGLE, AND I WILL HAVE THE MAGIC SUN DISC!

Bad Guy

SEÑOR PALOMAR



Señor Palomar is no pal o' Johnny Thunder. They have chased each other all over North, South, and Central America looking for treasure. This hotheaded villain always wears a white hat and suit. And he really gets steamed when kids confuse him with the ice cream man.

Bad Guy

RUDO VILLANO



As his name suggests, Rudo is one rude villain. This scowling man in black rarely smiles because of the nasty scar he has. "One word about my scar, Señor, and I will feed you to the crocodiles." Rudo is one of the best jungle guides around. Although Rudo is one tough hombre, he is superstitious.



45225 Pontoon Plane

I CAN TEAR THROUGH THE AIR, PONTOON ON A LAGOON, BUT CAN'T LAND ON LAND!

This prowling pontoon plane can penetrate the deepest jungle. Not only can it fly through the skies, but it can take off and land on winding jungle rivers. This sneaky seaplane can store treasure in its secret compartment.



Detach the landing gear and hide the foot.



Detach the propeller to score away unwanted visitors.



Treasure room's ceiling lowers spiders to make its point (get out quick!)

Watch out for the collapsing bridge!



Pull the pin to reveal a secret box hidden under the magic ruby.



45226 Amazon Ancient Ruins

The Amazon Ancient Ruins even give Johnny Thunder the creeps. Achu the Keeper uses his awesome powers to keep everyone away. These spooky ruins are protected by a scary skeleton, secret trapdoor, and sneaky spider web. If you get through the traps with the treasure, you can make your getaway by boat or car.

TURN THE PAGE FOR MORE ADVENTURES!



#5936 Spider's Secret

Shh! The spider's secret is that a falling ax may ruin an Adventurer's day if he or she doesn't enter the ruins the right way. The ruins make a great place to camp if you don't mind scorpions and spiders. Use the treasure map to guide you to the secret sun disc.

HA! HA!
THE SUN DISC IS
ALMOST IN MY
GRASP!

Move the sun
disc and an
ax will drop
in on you!



Cool camera!

I WILL
CAPTURE THE
SPIDER'S SECRET
ON FILM!

#5976 River Expedition

This adventurous river expedition is more exciting than a barrel of monkeys. While floating down the river on the expedition boat, keep your eyes open for the mysterious Acha. The boat is loaded with enough supplies for the long river cruise to the treasure-filled cave. There are traps all over the place, so keep a sharp lookout for sharp axes!

Try to take the
treasure, but
watch out for
falling axes!



Raise the roof and check
out the action inside.



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Hey Kids!
Visit us on-line at www.LEGO.com



Click on the following
underlined sections for...

- A Sneak Preview of the ALL NEW LEGO Star Wars Classic sets!
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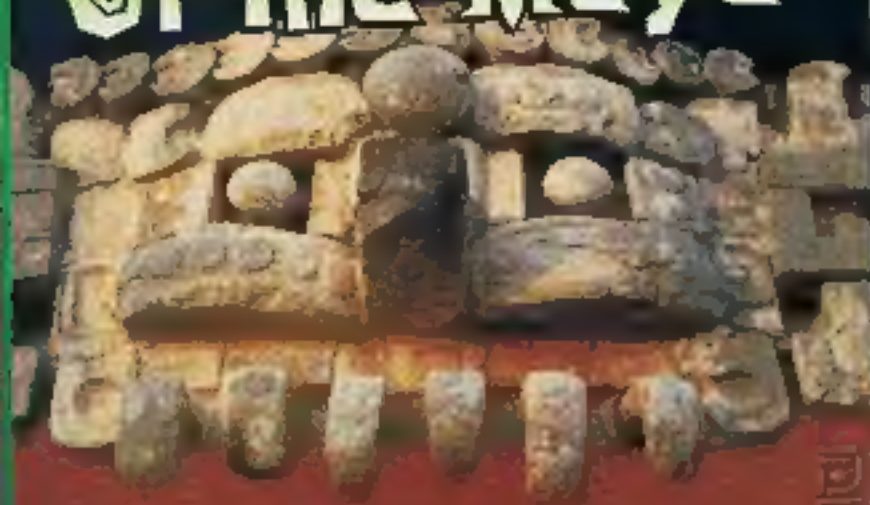
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INVENTION #684: THE ROBO-DOZER

LEGO MINDSTORMS

The Mystery of the Maya



The Mayan people have lived in Central America for more than 3,000 years. These Native Americans were excellent builders. Ruins of their cities and temples can still be found today.

Just like the 5986 Amazon Ancient Ruins, Mayan buildings started with a pyramid base built of limestone blocks. The pyramids were built as



steps. Each layer of blocks was smaller than the one below it. Then on top of the flat pyramid, the Maya added a temple, palace, or even an observatory. Buildings were painted with bright colors and decorated with sculptures and wood carvings. Stairways led up the pyramid sides to the building. And the Maya did all this work without using metal tools! Some of the larger buildings took the Maya 300 years to build.



After living in their big cities for hundreds of years, around 900 AD the Maya mysteriously left their southern cities. Then, a few hundred years later, they just as mysteriously started leaving their cities.

No one knows for sure why the Maya left. The Maya returned to a simpler life in the jungles and mountains of Central America. They moved back to smaller villages and grew corn, cotton, and other crops.

Today, many Maya continue to live as their ancestors did. About six million Maya still live in the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador.

the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

Johnny Thunder's Jungle Adventure

DEEP IN A MYSTERIOUS JUNGLE, THE ADVENTURERS SEARCH FOR A MAGICAL SUN DISC BEFORE THE SINISTER SENOR PALOMAR GETS IT. JOHNNY THUNDER RUSHES TO MEET DR. LIGHTNING AND GAIL STORM.



Achu the Keeper protects ancient treasures from all outsiders. Legends say the fearsome figure rules the jungle animals. With his cape and birdlike mask, some people believe Achu is a spirit.



NEAR THE WEB-COVERED CAVE, JOHNNY AND DR. LIGHTNING GET A SPOOKY SURPRISE.



AS JOHNNY HANGS ON TO THE BRIDGE, TROUBLE CREEPS UP ON DR. LIGHTNING AND GAIL!

SORRY, JOHNNY. WE'RE A LITTLE BUSY HERE.



I'LL USE THIS SUN DISC TO FLASH AN SOS. MANIAC SAVE OUR SKINS!



HANGING FROM THE BRIDGE, JOHNNY HOLDS THE DISC UP, AND SUNLIGHT REFLECTS OFF OF IT.

MEANWHILE, SEÑOR PALOMAR AND RUDD ARRIVE AT THE RUINS, BUT SEÑOR PALOMAR MAKES A BIG MISTAKE.

GET THAT BRILLIANT RUBY, RUDD.



AASH! IT'S A TRAP!

AY CARANBA! ADIOS, AMIGOS!

HIGH ABOVE THE JUNGLE, JOHNNY THUNDER'S S.O.S. IS SEEN BY THE LEGO MANIAC.

HEY! SOMEONE'S TRYING TO BLIND ME. WAIT, IT'S AN S.O.S. SIGNAL!



THE MANIAC BUILDS LIKE CRAZY, ADDING THE 5986 BOAT TO THE 5925 PONTOON PLANE.

GOTTA BUILD LIKE CRAZY OR THE ADVENTURERS WILL BE STRANDED IN THE JUNGLE!



THE MANIAC SHOOTS IN AND THROWS JOHNNY A LINE, BUT JOHNNY DROPS THE DISC AS HE GRABS THE ROPE.



OH NO! I DROPPED THE DISC!

LET'S GET DOC AND GAIL AND GET OUT OF HERE.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME, THUNDER!

LOOK, DOWN THERE. IT'S PALOMAR! LATER DUDE!

LET'S MAKE LIKE A BOAT AND FLOAT OUT OF THIS JUNGLE!



The End! 9

Meet the Guardians of the Galaxy

NEW

THROWBOTS

Build Them, Shoot Discs All!
Collect Them All!



Technic

Visit: www.lego.com/throwbots

In a far-off galaxy, a group of aliens built disc-throwing Throwbots to protect their planets. Through light years of self-repair, each Throwbot developed unique powers to enable them to survive.

When they combine their powers, they are unstoppable. Torch, Ski, Turbo, and Scuba combine into a super Throwbot called RoboTops.



Flame-throwing arm

Helmet visor opens

Folds into a firefighter

Carries underwater laser

Scuba mask opens

Stay Tuned!
Next Issue, Meet Jet, Amazon,
Grapple and Electric!

And, look for:
The next Batman
Challenge!

8500 Torch

8500 fires in a **Power Blaster** active volcanoes and blowing system of lava. This **Throttle** is a bit of a hothead. He sometimes gets out of control while using his flame-driven power. Luckily, he can hold his breath and put out his own fires.

8502 Turbo

Turbo is the only Throttle on wheels. He lives in a world covered with hills and valleys. This low-riding Throttle can move especially when he shifts to turbo. Turbo sports up to a **Intergalactic** roller coaster and **practical** roller coaster.

Wings fold up and down

Racing visor opens

Folds into a flying machine

8503 Scuba

Scuba lives underwater. It rains nearly every day in his world. He never knows what creepy sea creatures will creep up on him. Scuba always carries a laser blaster. He's a **super** diver who lives in a **sub**.

8501 Ski

Ski can really go through his and snow. This cool Throttle lives in a frozen world. He can ski down a mountain with his help while having a lot of fun at the same time. When he hits the ice, he can quickly switch to a **skate** and **skate**.

Snow visor opens

Carries ski pole

Folds into a slick skater

Send a Photo of Your Model to:
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Remember to write your name, address, age and model name on the back of each photograph. Pictures will not be returned, so take an extra photo for yourself!

maniac madness

Pyramid Palace

David Wayne Barnard,
Age 7 of Colorado



Gold Chocoboo from Final Fantasy Seven

Travis Maxwell of California



Our House

Manny Carnicom, Age 8,
Elizabeth Carnicom,
Age 5 of New York



Mackinaw Bridge

Lee Gaiser, Age 10 of
Michigan



Viper Fighter

Jonathan Fenn, Age 6
of Texas



LEGO Creations
 Matt Burger, Age 4,
 Katie Burger, Age 6 of
 Pennsylvania



In October 1998
 thousands of kids
 across the U.S.
 "buzzed in" for the
 one-day event in 2,400
 Wal-Mart stores across
 America. Kids three to
 15 had 25 seconds to
 build their versions of
 the "Ultimate Bug
 Zapper".



Grand Piano
 Elizabeth Campbell,
 Age 13 of Mississippi



**Attack of the
 Hydroman**

John Waldman, Age 8 of
 Washington



**Sooner
 Destroyer**
 Reese Hunter, Age 4 of
 Missouri



Battlebot
 Matthew Carlson,
 Age 11 of Wisconsin



LEGO Telephone
 Molly Whitney, Age 14,
 becca Zandt, Age 10 of
 Oregon



**Find the Maniac
 and Claim Your Reward**

Contest Winners
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Taylor Brainard, Oklahoma
 Jaden Davis, New York
 Lohits de sa Pereira,
 Massachusetts
 Christopher Elliott, Vermont
 Heidi Sander, West Virginia

Gregory Nagy, New Jersey
 Adam Petersen, Indiana
 London Schultz, South Carolina
 Evan Townsend, Minnesota
 Phillip Violecky, New York

An American Hero Re

1962: A Pioneer Blasts Off



On October 29th, 1998, John Glenn, age 77, became the oldest person to fly in space. The 9-day Discovery shuttle trip was a lot different than his first space flight.

In 1962, Glenn orbited the Earth three times in a tiny space capsule called Friendship 7. His entire trip in space lasted 5 hours.

To get an idea of what that first space flight was like, let's check out #6454 Countdown Corner. On the launch pad, two small arms hold a massive rocket in place. This rocket is similar to the Atlas rocket that blasted Glenn into space. The launch pad arms fall away and the rocket rises into the air.

Like the 6454 rocket, the Atlas rocket has two parts, or stages. Two minutes after liftoff, the first-stage engines use all their fuel. They fall away with the bottom half of the rocket. Then, after boosting Glenn into space, the second stage of the rocket separates from the space capsule. Friendship 7 cruises 350 miles above the Earth at 17,544 miles per hour.

Looking down, Glenn is the first American to see a sunset from above 100 miles. As he flies over Australia, it is night. But the people of Perth leave their lights on for him. And for fun, they do it again in 1998.

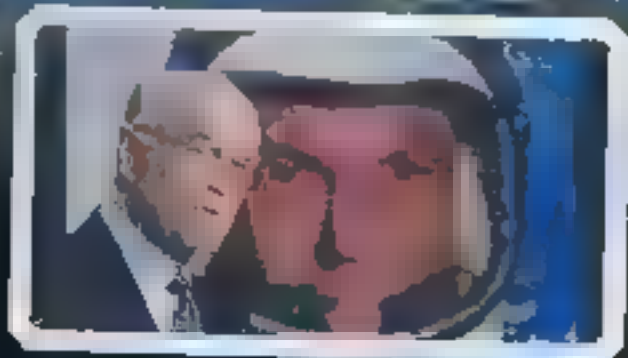
John Glenn will have to wait 36 more years to float in space. Even if Glenn unbuckles his seatbelt, there is no place to go. The cramped capsule is only 10 feet long and 6 feet wide.

Now comes the tricky part—returning to Earth. Glenn fires the capsule's rockets, and it hurtles toward Earth. The heat shields do their job, and the glowing capsule falls through the atmosphere like a streaking meteorite. The capsule splashes down in the Atlantic Ocean, and the USS Noa steams over to pick up the bobbing space capsule. John Glenn's space flight is over.

Light Sound

#6454
Countdown
Corner

turns to Space



1998 John Glenn Flies Again!

Let's move ahead 36 years to 1998, and launch a shuttle from 6456 Mission Control.

The countdown begins. Unlike the 40-hour Discovery countdown, you can do one in 10 seconds. Ready, go! Press the shuttle's light and sound buttons and blast off.

Back in space, John Glenn enjoys weightlessness this time. He unbuckles his seat harness and floats aboard the spacious shuttle. Glenn and the other astronauts are busy with scientific experiments during their 9 days in space. They release the Spartan satellite, so it can take pictures and study the sun's atmosphere.



After two days, Stephen Robinson uses the shuttle's 50-foot robot arm to retrieve the satellite. He successfully scoops up the 3,000-pound satellite and slows it back inside the shuttle.

You can do the same thing, a lot easier, with the #6456 shuttle's robot arm and satellite.

The shuttle reentry and landing are also a lot smoother for Glenn. Discovery lands like an airplane, and he simply steps out. On this historic flight, Glenn orbits the Earth 144 times and travels more than 3.6 million miles!



CONGRATULATIONS!
WE SALUTE
JOHN GLENN ON
HIS TWO SUCCESSFUL
MISSIONS!

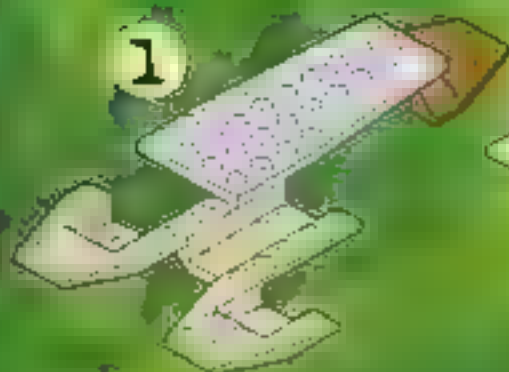


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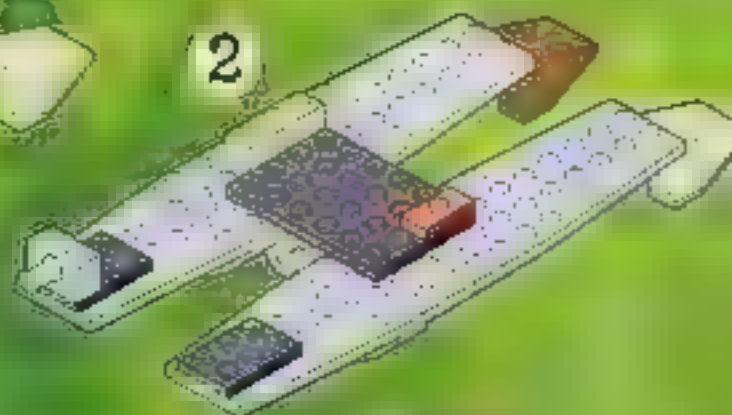
Adventurer Hovercraft



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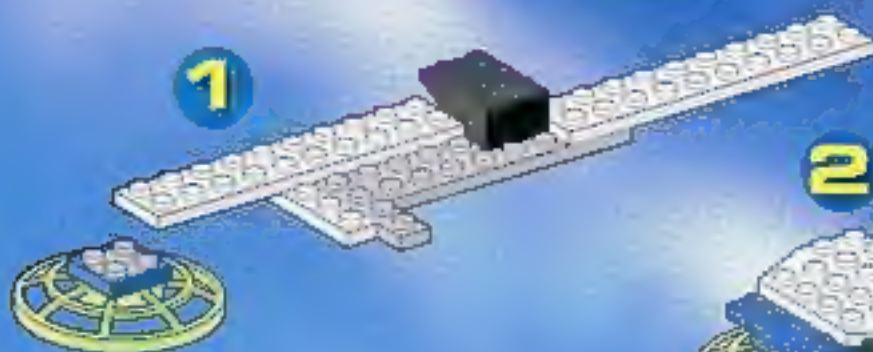
Use pieces from your own LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need to build the Adventurer Hovercraft in #5925 Pantoon Plans.

MOONROCK ROVER

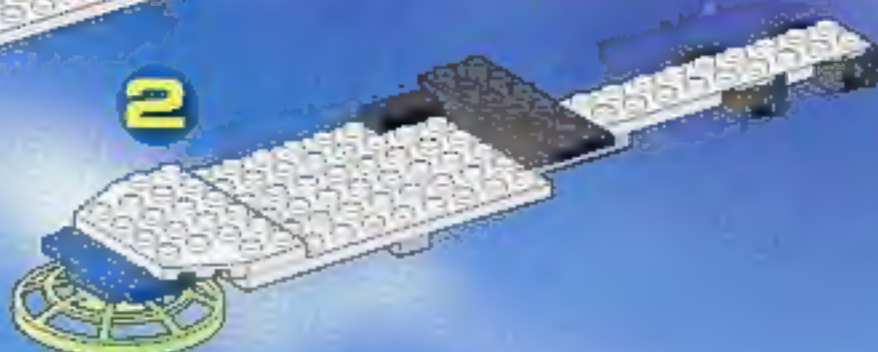


Club Members, Gamille and Nick Bucci and Yord Halnes, of Colorado, inspired our model designers to build the Moon Rock Rover.

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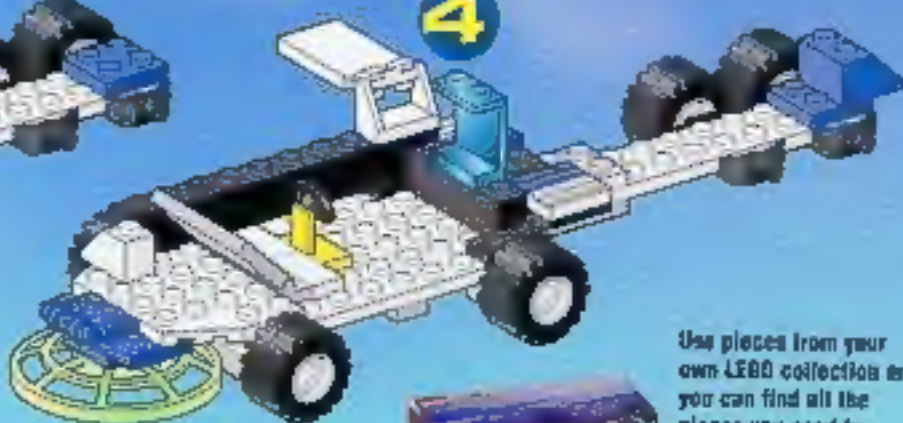
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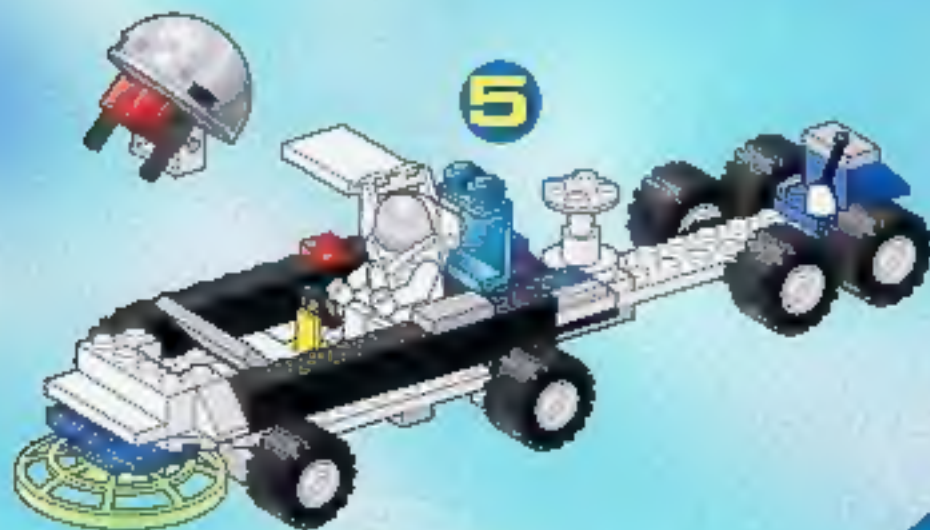
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Use pieces from your own LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need to build the Moon Rock Rover in #6453 Com-Link Cruiser and #6451 Lunar Rover.

Final



Your original model could be featured in LEGO Mania Magazine. Send a photo of your model to:

LEGO Club
"You Can Build This..."
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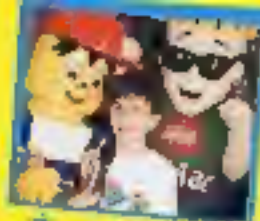
Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value).



Scott Duzan

CONTEST UPDATE

Thomas Michon



Scooby-Doo

ZOINKS! SWEEPSTAKES

CARTOON NETWORK

Grand Prize Winner

Fellow LEGO Club member, Scott Duzan of Illinois is the Grand Prize winner of the Scooby-Doo "Zoinks!" Sweepstakes. The grand prize winner, on December 5th, 1998, the LEGO Imagination Celebration Truck and the Scooby-Doo Mystery Machine delivered every LEGO Building set sold in the 1998 U.S. LEGO retail assortment to Scott's door! Plus, the event was broadcast on Cartoon Network! Scott plans to give many LEGO sets to needy children.

Congratulations to Scott and his family and friends throughout his hometown, who shared in the event!



SEARCH FOR THE ULTIMATE LEGO CREATION GRAND PRIZE WINNER!

Congratulations to Thomas Michon in California, the grand prize winner of the Imagination Celebration Traveling Show "Search for the Ultimate LEGO Creation" Building Contest.

Thomas wins a trip for four to LEGOLAND California! At the park's grand opening on March 20th, 1999, Thomas will be LEGOLAND president for a day. He will take part in all kinds of cool grand-opening events. And a statue of Thomas, built from LEGO bricks, will greet visitors to LEGOLAND California. You'll also see Thomas later this year when he gets his picture on the cover of LEGO Mania Magazine!

Thomas built this "Amerigo" when the truck came to Los Angeles.



Enter The

SEARCH THE WEBS



and Win a Prize!



THIS CONTEST IS A WEB FULL OF FUN!

Help Johnny Thunder and the Adventurers search for treasure, but beware of sticky spider traps. To help Achu hide Jungle treasures, sneaky spiders have spun some wicked webs to cover the treasures. These gooey webs are stuck all through the magazine. Look closely at the webs to see what they hide. Write down the page where you found each Jungle Treasure. Happy hunting!

The first 10 randomly selected, entries with the correct answers will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to a \$100 value).

Entries must be postmarked by March 10, 1999 and received by March 15, 1999. Winners will be notified by mail by April 25, 1999. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO System, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1999 LEGO Group

Just fill in the contest entry form. Cut it out and mail it by Mar. 17, 1999 to:

Search The Webs Contest
LEGO MANIA Magazine
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Official Contest Entry Form
Search the Webs!

I found these cool jungle things:

ITEM	PAGE
Sun Disc	_____
Saxton	_____
Treasure Map	_____
Ruby	_____
Magnifying Glass	_____
Achu's Headband	_____
Camera	_____
Pickax	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (____) _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

You could win the LEGO set of your choice



#5986 Amazon Ancient

Members
Only

Sneak peek of LEGOLAND California!

Grand Opening March 1999!



The first LEGOLAND® in the United States opens March 20, 1999 in Carlsbad in Southern California. LEGOLAND California is 128 acres of adventure. There are 40 rides and attractions in six major themed "blocks". Check out our Web site at www.LEGO.com



Fun Town

Beepbeep! Fun Town is where even three year old kids can drive their own electric car - and it's not on a track!

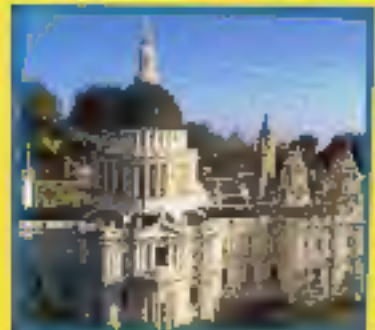


The Ridge

High atop The Ridge is the Kid Power Tower. Kids pull themselves up almost 30 feet high, and then free-fall back to earth. Wow!!!

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Imagination Zone

The Imagination Zone suits LEGO Maniacs to a T - a 20-foot tall T-REX. That is! It's the place where LEGO TECHNIC and LEGO MINDSTORMS maniacs rule, and build creations that others can only imagine.

Castle Hill

There's a dragon loose on Castle Hill, and it's coming right for you! The dragon coaster will take you on a wild ride around and right THROUGH the castle.

Village Green

In Village Green, hop on a safari jeep for an African adventure, and drive by life-sized LEGO animals.

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CAN YOU BUILD
WITH 30 MILLION
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